(*d*) Does not arise in view of reply to clauses (*a*) and (*b*). The Karnataka Civil Services (Regulations of Promotion, Pay and Pension) Ordinance, 1973 prohibits with retrospective effect and also prohibits giving monetary benefits on that basis.

(*e*) No. But that does not mean that promotions are not made on the basis of seniority and length of service.

EXHIBITION CONDUCTED BY EX-SAILORS AT CIVIL STATION

761. Sri T. R. SHAMANNA (Fort).—

Will the Chief Minister be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether Government is aware of the exhibition conducted by Ex-sailors (Manar Kadal Padiya) at Hains Road, Civil Station;

(*b*) whether Government is aware of the gambling that has been carried on in the premises upto mid-night every day;

(*c*) if so, the action taken to check this gambling and also to close the exhibition ?

Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) It is reported that games of chance were being conducted.

(*c*) The exhibition was raided by the Police on 2nd March 1974, eleven persons were arrested and prosecuted and the licence also has since been cancelled. The exhibition is closd.

SHORT NOTICE QUESTION AND ANSWER

(but not taken up)

AMENDMENT TO STATUTE OF UNIVERSITY OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES.

35. Sri MALLIKARJUN KHARGE (Gurmitkal).—

Will the Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government has received the proposed Amendment to the Statute of University of Agricultural Science from University of Agricultural Science Authorities regarding reservation of posts to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe people;

(*b*) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter ?

Sri N. CHIKKE GOWDA (Minister for Agriculture and Animal Husbandry).—

(*a*) Yes, Government have received the amendments to the Statutes of the University of Agricultural Sciences from the Chancellor for comments. Reservation of posts to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe is one of the amendments suggested.

(*b*) It is under consideration of Government.

CALLING ATTENTION TO MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE.

Re : *Irregularities and malpractices in the distribution of wheat bran in Bangalore.*

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN (Malleswaram).—I call the attention of the Hon'ble Minister for Food and Forests to the irregularities and malpractices in the distribution of wheat bran in Bangalore.

Sri K. H. PATIL (Minister for Food and Forests).—I make the following statement :—

The Director of Food and Civil Supplies has allotted 5,000 quintals of wheat bran for distribution in Bangalore City Corporation Area. This quantity is not sufficient to meet the entire requirement of the cattle owners of Bangalore City. However, due to restricted supplies of wheat by Government of India, Government is unable to supply more than his quantity of bran to Bangalore City.

2. Wheat bran is being distributed in Bangalore City on bran cards which have been prepared on the basis of a cattle census carried out by the authorities of the Bangalore City Corporation. In all divisions of Bangalore City, bran is being issued on these cards, except in the case of Division No. 1 where, due to the names of many cattle owners having been left out of the cattle census, there was public agitation and, as a consequence, bran is being issued to holders of bran cards issued earlier by the Food and Civil Supplies Department. New cards are being issued to all applicants, on the basis of verification certificates issued by the Corporation authorities. There is, therefore, no truth in the allegation that there are irregularities or malpractices in the distribution of wheat bran.

Sri M. S. KRISHNAN.—Could you please tell me as to what is the quantity of wheat bran that is necessary to satisfy the cattle owners in Bangalore and what efforts the Government has made in order to get this ?